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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Miroslav TRESKY : Attn: BOX PCT
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001_0737A
Filed June 29, 2001 :

HAND TOOL FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF SMALL,
NOTABLY ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS
[Corresponding to PCT/CH99/00614
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified new PCT application, kindly
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 6, 9 and 11 as follows:

6.(Amended) Hand tool according to claim 1, with a flexible link (15),
extending between the shaft (10) and the control device (5), of the electropneumatic link
(14) between the vacuum tool (13) and the control device, characterised in that the flexible
link (15) comprises an external tube (66) made of electrically-conductive material which
discharges the electrostatic charge.

ATTACHMENT E